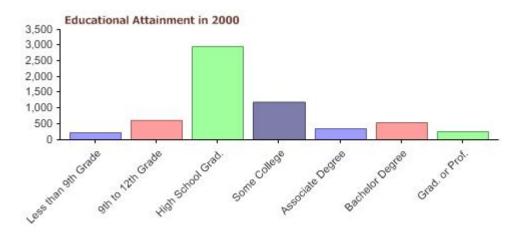
Benton County, IN Highlights

Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

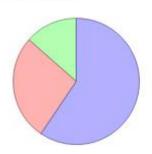
| Educational Attainment | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|--|--|
| | 1970 | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | | |
| Total Population 25 and Older | N/A | N/A | 6,053 | 6,158 | | |
| Less than 9th Grade | N/A | N/A | 506 | 228 | | |
| 9th to 12th, No Diploma | N/A | N/A | 881 | 618 | | |
| High School Graduate (incl. equiv.) | N/A | N/A | 3,041 | 2,963 | | |
| Some College, No Degree | N/A | N/A | 810 | 1,194 | | |
| Associate Degree | N/A | N/A | 261 | 354 | | |
| Bachelors Degree | N/A | N/A | 311 | 542 | | |
| Graduate or Professional Degree | N/A | N/A | 243 | 259 | | |



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

| High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education | | | | |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| Total Graduates | 145 | 124 | 127 | 136 |
| Total to Higher Education | 108 | 94 | 94 | 111 |
| Four-Year Institution | 72 | 54 | 57 | 66 |
| Two-Year Institution | 27 | 29 | 24 | 30 |
| Vocational/Tech. | 9 | 11 | 13 | 15 |
| Military | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 |

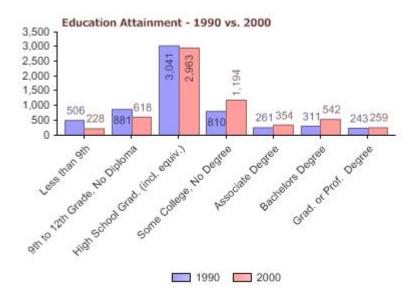
2007 Higher Education Intent



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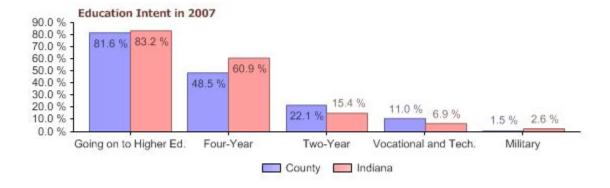
Source: Indiana Department of Education

| Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000 | | | | | | |
|--|-------|---------------------|-------|---------------------|--|--|
| | 1990 | Pct. of Pop. 25+ | 2000 | Pct. of Pop. 25+ | | |
| Total Population 25+ | 6,053 | 100.0% | 6,158 | 100.0% | | |
| Less than 9th Grade | 506 | 8.4% | 228 | 3.7% | | |
| 9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma | 881 | 14.6% | 618 | 10.0% | | |
| High School Graduate (incl. equivalency) | 3,041 | 50.2% | 2,963 | 48.1% | | |
| Some College, No Degree | 810 | 13.4% | 1,194 | 19.4% | | |
| Associate's Degree | 261 | 4.3% | 354 | 5.7% | | |
| Bachelor's Degree | 311 | 5.1% | 542 | 8.8% | | |
| Graduate or Professional Degree | 243 | 4.0% | 259 | 4.2% | | |



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

| High School Graduates Higher Education Intent | | | | |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|--|--|
| | 2007 Pct. Dist. | Indiana Pct. Dist. | | |
| Graduates | 100.0% | 100.0% | | |
| Total Going on to Higher Education | 81.6% | 83.2% | | |
| Four-Year Institution | 48.5% | 60.9% | | |
| Two-Year Institution | 22.1% | 15.4% | | |
| Vocational and Tech. | 11.0% | 6.9% | | |
| Military | 1.5% | 2.6% | | |



Source: Indiana Department of Education